

Remarks

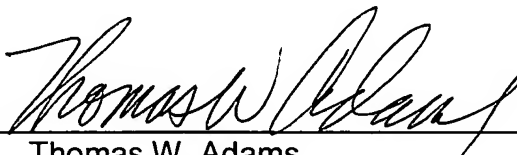
Upon entry of the present Preliminary Amendment, claims 1-24 are pending in the present application. The claims have been amended to remove multiple dependency and to bring them into better conformance with U.S. practice. New claim 24 is drawn to optional elements which have been deleted from original claim 2. As noted above, the basis for the amended claims herein is the set of claims submitted in the Article 19 amendments filed during the International Phase of the PCT application. The Abstract has been amended to include less than 150 words. Applicants respectfully submit that the amended claims are fully supported in the application as filed and contain no new matter. Applicants further respectfully submit that the claims patentably distinguish over the prior art and are in condition for allowance.

Conclusion

In the event issues arise as a result of the filing of this paper, or remain in the prosecution of this application, Applicants request that the Examiner telephone the undersigned attorney to expedite allowance of the application. If any additional fees are required for the filing of this paper, the Commissioner is authorized to charge those fees to Deposit Account #18-0988, Docket No. BLASP4283US.

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